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1. FOLLOWING IS LETTER SENT FROM AMBASSADOR TO ADOLFO MOLINA ORANTES,
MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, ON FEB. 27, 1976.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER: AS YOU KNOW, A UNIT OF THE UNITED
STATES ARMY HAS BEGUN TO ARRIVE IN GUATEMALA TO COOPERATE WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA IN EFFORTS TO REOPEN THE
PRINCIPAL HIGHWAY BETWEEN GUATEMALA CITY AND PUERTO BARRIOS.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
GUATEMALA WILL CONCUR THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED UNITED STATES
ARMY PERSONNEL WILL BE CONSIDERED TO BE PRESENT IN GUATEMALA
UNDER THE SAME TERMS AS THOSE SPECIFIED FOR UNITED STATES
MILITARY MISSION PERSONNEL IN GUATEMALA IN OUR EXCHANGE OF
NOTES OF APRIL 29, 1965, AND MAY 4, 1965.

I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE A REPLY FROM YOUR EXCELLENCY
INDICATING WHETHER YOUR GOVERNMENT FINDS THIS TO BE AN ACCEPTABLE
FORMULA COVERING THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MILITARY
PERSONNEL.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST AND MOST
DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

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